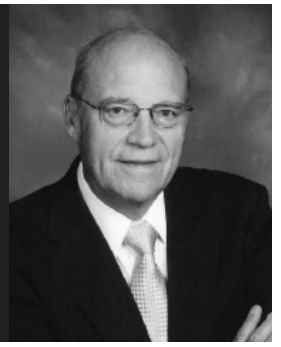




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Two Revolutions

by Mike Konrad

I consider myself an amateur historian, though some of my readers might place more emphasis on the amateur than historian. One thing that has puzzled me is why different results sprang from the American and French Revolutions. It might have something to tell us for today.

On the surface reading, the American and French Revolutions seem to hold similar ideals. Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness does not seem that far removed from Liberté, Egalité, and Fraternité. And if one says the American slogan does not mention equality, the Declaration of Independence surely does. “We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights[.]”

Many claim that the difference is that the French document is godless. However, both the American Declaration of Independence and the French Declaration of the Rights of Man invoke the deity.

“And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence . . .” —Declaration of Independence, 1776

“Therefore the National Assembly recognizes and proclaims, in the presence and under the auspices of the Supreme Being, the following rights of man and of the citizen: . . .” —Declaration of the Rights of Man, 1789

There can be no doubt that there was an influence of Deism that motivated some of the intellectuals behind both revolutions. Indeed, Thomas Paine, the most influential deist of all time, was critical to both struggles. Paine wrote *Common Sense* for America—which cemented public opinion in favor of the American Revolution—and he would later be elected to Revolutionary France’s National Convention. Thomas Jefferson wrote the American Declaration and was consulted on the French document.

So why did the revolutions veer so far apart in results?

Some say the French Revolution heralded those rights as coming from the state, while the American Revolution said those rights came from God. But that is not so clear. The French document asserts that such rights are natural and immutable, and one of the French declaration’s writers was Abbé Sieyès, a French Catholic clergyman. “The aim of all political association is the preservation of the natural and imprescriptible rights of man.”

So we have two similar documents and revolutions, often with the same participants involved (Lafayette and Paine, etc.). Yet one was a success, while the other was a nightmare, which had to be re-run a few times until France got it right, or at least got it a bit better.

Others delve into conspiracy theories and the role of freemasonry. The name of Adam Weishaupt and the Illuminati crop up. Far too many claim that Weishaupt was Jewish, and their theories devolve into dark anti-semitic nuttiness. In reality, though Weishaupt had Jewish ancestry, he was raised Catholic.

Born in 1748 in Ingolstadt, a city in the Electorate of Bavaria (now part of modern-day Germany), Weishaupt was a descendant of Jewish converts to Christianity. Orphaned at a young age, his scholarly uncle took care of his education, and enrolled him in a Jesuit school.

If that does not stop the nuttiness and the conspiracy theorists, how do they explain that Washington was a freemason, yet our revolution worked?

The basic answer is that the lower levels of freemasonry are just a club of freethinkers. Not everyone involved with the Knights of Columbus is a Jesuit infiltrator for the pope, and not every freemason is on the occult fringes of the society. It was often just an excuse to take a night out from the wife and meet with the boys at the local club. There the latest

politics could be discussed, while beers were quaffed—without the wife asking for help with the kids.

The simple answer to our question is more fundamental: the American people saw their revolution as stemming from biblical principles. Though deist himself, Paine knew he would have to appeal to Scripture to win over the American people in his writings. Indeed, Paine's *Common Sense* cited the Old Testament as condemning monarchies. He cemented the point with this statement: "For monarchy in every instance is the popery of government."

That must have settled the issue for Americans, the vast majority of whom were serious Protestants at that time. The American Revolution was seen as an outgrowth of Christianity, not a condemnation of it. It was the next step in the Christianization of society.

While deists were among the leaders of the Revolution, they did not see Christianity as an obstacle to the struggle, but rather as a partner. Some of the more serious denominations took up the patriot cause. They had been persecuted under England's Anglican hegemony and were in favor of the freedoms promised by the Revolution.

Not so with the French. The vast majority of the French were Roman Catholics, and the Catholic Church and clergy were often hostile to the French Revolution. The Catholic Church tended to get along with monarchies. The Church liked stability and concordats.

This led to the French revolutionaries rejecting Christianity altogether. They set up the competing Cult of Reason and the Cult of the Supreme Being.

Robespierre organized a "Festival of the Supreme Being" in the summer of 1794. Having recently eliminated his adversaries Hébert and Danton, Robespierre delivered the keynote speech. In it he explained his idea for a civic religion worshipping a deist "supreme being" while resisting the more extreme tendency of some to eliminate spirituality outright through an atheistic "cult of reason."

The chief difference is that the American people appealed to the God of the Bible. As they did not reject Christianity, they put brakes on what was acceptable in their revolution.

The French leaders were disgusted with Christianity. Maybe this was due to the corruption of the Catholic clergy and the Church's partnerships with the monarchy. Their solution was to ditch the Christian ethic, and they devolved into the Terror.

It is not that the American people were not faced with a corrupt clergy. The Anglican church was heavily

royalist. But the American people did not see a rejection of Christianity as the solution—rather, many embraced the more serious sects of Christianity as the answer.

This is the chief difference between the American and French Revolutions. After the American Revolution, America was arguably more serious about Christianity, while French Christianity was throttled. Over time, in Europe, Christianity, both Lutheran and Catholic, took a beating.

Of course, this is rarely mentioned in history classes today. We hear that the American Revolution was deist, which it was not, or that it was wholly secular. In truth, much of the patriot side appealed to what we would call the principles of the religious right today. Sometimes, a good historian will note the real background. (See "Was the American Revolution a holy war?", *The Washington Post*, July 5, 2013)

This is also the chief difference between the Republican and Democratic Parties today. The Democratic party has rejected any pretense of biblical ethics, and Democrats have devolved into insanity worthy of Robespierre.

One side sees the Bible as essential to freedom, while the other side sees it as hostile. The Democratic Party has adopted the European model, and with it will come European results.

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The Bolshies

by Lloyd Billingsley

"If necessary, we will call Bob Mueller or others before our committee. Our predominant concern on my committee is: Was this president, is this president, compromised by a foreign power?"

That was House Intel Committee boss Adam Schiff after the release of the Mueller report, which announced no new indictments and found no collusion or obstruction of justice.

Schiff's response, echoed in the establishment media, was entirely predictable.

The Mueller probe was the Democrats' version of Stalin's show trials of the 1930s, in which old Bolshevik Nikolai Bukharin confessed to sabotage, "whether or not I took direct part in any particular act." Like Stalin, Democrats had predetermined Trump's guilt and wanted a confession, removal from office, and jail time. So the Democrat-media axis wasn't going to accept any report that cleared the president.

More elusive targets were those Republicans who had supported the Mueller probe as legitimate instead of the Clinton-FBI-DOJ-DNC coup attempt it had always been. Like Captain Renault in Casablanca, this crowd expressed shock that Russia should attempt to influence American elections. As they should have known, Russia had been doing that since the 1920s by maintaining their own political party, the Communist Party USA, and running their own candidates in US elections.

Way back in 1919, the Russians established the Communist International, the Comintern, to control the foreign political parties they founded and funded. By 1924 the Russian Communists were intervening in American elections by running their own candidates. William Z. Foster, author of *Toward Soviet America*, was the Communist candidate in 1924.

Earl Browder was the Russians' choice for president in 1936 and 1940, and that year the Party backed the Stalin-Hitler Pact, defended the Nazi and Soviet invasions of Poland, and strove to block US aid to embattled Britain. Still, the federal government launched no official investigation of Russian meddling or collusion.

In 1972 the Russian Communists backed old-line Stalinist Gus Hall for President of the United States. Hall was also the Russians' candidate in 1976, 20 years after Khrushchev revealed Stalin's atrocities and long after Russian invasions of Hungary and Czechoslovakia, then still under Russian control. With that record, and the campaign against dissidents such as Yuri Glazov at its height, it took a special kind of person to vote for Communist candidate Gus Hall. College student John Brennan was up to the task, and that raises a security issue.

Former Clinton National Security Adviser Anthony Lake failed to become CIA director because he thought Alger Hiss might be innocent. Brennan, on the other hand, openly touted his vote for the CPUSA and never should have been allowed anywhere near the CIA. But under POTUS 44, whose beloved Frank Marshall Davis was a Communist and Soviet agent, Brennan duly got the job. So no surprise that Brennan has accused President Trump of treason for meeting with Putin, and for revoking the security clearance of the former CIA boss and Gus Hall voter.

In 1979, African American Communist Angela Da-

vis won the Lenin Peace Prize and the following year she ran for vice president on the Communist Party ticket with Gus Hall. The same pair ran again in 1984, at a time when the Russians were on the march in Africa, Central America, and Afghanistan. Even so, the federal government did not empower any special counsel to investigate Russian election meddling or the collusion of Angela Davis with an all-white, all-male Communist dictatorship.

On January 21, 2017, one day after the inauguration of president Trump, the keynote speaker in a Washington anti-Trump rally was Angela Davis her own self. Establishment media failed to note that Davis was a two-time vice-presidential loser with Soviet Russia's CPUSA. And as they championed the Mueller probe, Democrats ignored the real collusion with Russia and China.

As Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton enabled "a 'reset' with Russia that seems to have led to a resurgent Russia expanding its military, diplomatic and economic power in Eastern Europe and the Mideast." As Clinton Cash shows, the Clinton Foundation facilitated the transfer of US uranium to Russia.

For her part, Sen. Dianne Feinstein believed that President Trump obstructed justice and in October 2017, Feinstein said, "the special counsel is doing his job and the process is working." In December 2017, the San Francisco Democrat said her concern about Trump's ability to do his job "rises with the day." In 2018 it emerged that Feinstein had harbored a Chinese Communist spy for 20 years, but as Ben Weingarten noted in the *Federalist*, her ties to China run much deeper.

Feinstein "argued against tying China's most-favored-nation status to human rights improvements" and argued that "more people in China vote for their leadership on the local level than do Americans." For Weingarten, this was "not only beyond naïve, but demonstrates an offensive moral equivalency."

The Department of Justice has yet to probe any of this with the same zeal they deployed with the fake collusion story. If anybody believes the FBI and DOJ should get busy with the real Russia and China colluders it would be hard to blame them.

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SA+ANC=O.K. Corral

by Don Boys

The corruption in South Africa is so bad, it's like a noxious fog that has settled on a once peaceful, prosperous, and prejudiced nation. South African's President Cyril Ramaphosa is being pilloried, pulled, and pushed from many sides, and many of the political players are more radical than he. He is busy trying to stay in power and get reelected later this year, but he has to deal with many warring factions inside and outside the African National Congress (ANC), plus the murder for hire of wayward members and multiple acts of sabotage in many major cities. Everyone seems to carry guns or has bodyguards even low-level provincial (state) leaders.

The ANC no longer stands for African National Congress but for Accumulation, Nepotism, and Cronyism. Corruption is one of the most used words by South Africans. Of course, this does not surprise anyone since one-party rule always results in cronyism, chaos, and corruption.

The corruption is ubiquitous, especially in the ANC, the political party that has been controlled by Communists from its earliest days and has governed South Africa since the end of the white minority government in 1994. The ANC is infamous for sabotage in earlier years and now that there are many factions within, it has returned to sabotage plus assassinations—of longtime comrades. It is now a fractured party with occasional episodes of the “Shoot Out at the O.K. Corral.” It seems every member in the national government and in the provinces has his hand out or worse—even putting out contracts on fellow members with whom they serve!

The New York Times last fall published an article, “Hit Men and Power” highlighting that “corruption and divisions have flourished within the A.N.C. in recent years.” It admits that too many have lost the vision of earlier years and are struggling for “influential positions and the spoils that go with them.” Thus far, few of the ANC officials in charge at the national or local levels have been held to account.

But the corruption is not only in the ANC but also in every facet of the nation: the schools, local governments, utilities, the mines, the police, the unions, South African Airlines, the rail service, and the banks. Plus, the political corruption in the ANC bleeds into all areas of national and local governments. Everyone seems to demand a bribe to do anything.

The corruption is so dissolute, it has nauseated the

famed *New York Times* to the point of publishing another scathing article almost a year ago headlined, “‘They Eat Money’: How Mandela’s Political Heirs Grow Rich Off Corruption.”

Wow, that was the *Times* of New York City!

The article charged, “Corruption has enriched A.N.C. leaders and their business allies—black and white South Africans, as well as foreigners.” The statement is easily verified in the life and administration of former President Jacob Zuma who had climbed into bed with the corrupt Indian Gupta family. The *Times* rightly said Zuma’s connection with the shady family, “contributed to the A.N.C.’s recent electoral losses and helped lead to Mr. Zuma’s ouster....”

Zuma was forced to resign and was replaced by Cyril Ramaphosa who as noted by the *Times*, is “a veteran A.N.C. insider, and early signs have not been encouraging.” The article admitted that Ramaphosa has “amassed extraordinary wealth” since the presidency of Nelson Mandela.

Former President Zuma hopes to take the office back from Ramaphosa in this year’s election to continue his pilfering of the people.

It seems the seeds of corruption were in the transition from white minority rule to black majority rule under Nelson Mandela. When the transition took place, the Blacks took political power in the national and local governments, but Whites still held the reins of economic power. The biggest burr under the saddle is that most of the arable land belongs to Whites; and Blacks want that burr removed. Hence, the Parliament has voted to take land from white farmers (without compensation) and give it to Blacks. That bit of political thievery has turned the nation into a powder keg as white farmers including children and the elderly have been tortured, raped, and killed by roaming black thugs. As of 2014, four thousand white farmers have already been killed, according to *The Times of London*.

Much of the *New York Times* article is old news to South Africans; however, the news is that they are dealing with the news! But more shocking is that they are willing to tarnish the image of Mandela with charges of self-dealing. The *Times* admitted, “In the early years of A.N.C. rule, Mr. Mandela and other top leaders, who had helped defeat apartheid but had no personal savings, received houses, vehicles, and money from white business leaders—essentially bribes, critics say.”

Again, the *Times* is right on target declaring, “Almost no one comes out of this looking good.”

Mandela is still considered their national hero, but

the failure to keep his promise of jobs and homes is a growing, festering boil on the backside of most Blacks. Stating what all South Africans know, the *Times* declared, “While Mr. Mandela is still revered in the West, his legacy is regarded more critically in South Africa, especially by some young black people. To them, he sold out the country’s black masses to the white business elite.”

Ace Magashule is now the Secretary-General of the ANC, but he was weaned on early corruption in the Free State province. At the demise of apartheid, he was in charge of economic development in the cabinet of Mosisoa Lekota the premier of the Free State. The premier said he caught Magashule stealing government money which Magashule denied. The premier fired his underling, but the firing was overruled by the ANC deputy Secretary General, Jacob Zuma, who would become the President and take corruption to a shocking level.

At the end of apartheid, Zuma campaigned for corruption because all the other leaders were getting rich—people like Ramaphosa and others who were on Mandela’s A list. Zuma showed all politicians how to major on sleaze and now faces 16 counts of corruption, money laundering, racketeering, and fraud related to a government arms deal in the late 1990s. Plus he has been charged with other corruption accusations including spending \$24 million of public money to remodel his private home. With all this facing the former president, he will either go to prison or back to the presidency this year.

Premier Lekota acknowledged, “Zuma did go to some of the other guys and said to them, ‘This is what Mandela is doing. We must wake up and we must go for the money ourselves’” This is the same Zuma that posters and banners declare, “Zuma is like Jesus!” I’m afraid not. Jesus was not a thief.

Lekota left the ANC to establish his own party, the Congress of the People, in 2008.

The nation is in turmoil as election day approaches with assassinations, unrest in the black population, and reports of coups in the works. *Reuters* reported on September 10, 2018, “The ruling African National Congress (ANC) on Sunday labelled reports that top ANC officials, including former President Jacob Zuma and the party’s secretary-general, were plotting in secret to unseat Cyril Ramaphosa as party leader as ‘Shameless gossip.’” However, photos have been published with the alleged plotters together at a local hotel; but were they conspiring to oust the President or playing dominoes?

Obviously, President Ramaphosa is busy trying to stay in power and get reelected, but he has so many war-

ring factions inside and outside the ANC, plus the murder for hire of wayward members and multiple acts of sabotage in many major cities. Everyone seems to carry guns or has bodyguards—even low-level provincial (state) leaders. If one complains about the shoddy work done on a government project or publicly complains about political corruption, he ends up dead in a few days. Of course, the culpable politicians often attend his funeral and may even weep copious tears.

President Ramaphosa pledged to clean out the massive, malodorous mess from South Africa’s “stables” he inherited from former President Zuma, but thus far, he has only added to the pile.

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The Gay Mafia

by Avrohom Gordimer

New York City Councilman Ruben Diaz Sr. is in major trouble. In fact, he may be expelled from the NYC Council.

What exactly did Councilman Diaz do? Did he assault someone, commit larceny, or voter fraud?

Not exactly. He said the following, which is in a sense being treated worse than the above crimes: “The City Council is controlled by the homosexual community.”

Diaz also stated that openly-gay council speaker Corey Johnson is married to a man.

In response, Johnson demanded that Diaz apologize for his “homophobic” remarks, which “have no place in New York City.”

Even Diaz’ own son, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., reprimanded his father for his grave sin, tweeting:

“NYC is a place where we celebrate our diversity and inclusivity. The LGBTQ community is unequivocally an essential voice in our City. @revrubendiaz’s sentiments are antagonistic, quarrelsome and wholly unnecessary. He should apologize.”

Thankfully, Diaz Sr. is sticking to his guns. Although he is otherwise a liberal Democrat, he is anti-abortion and anti-gay marriage—something incredibly rare these days in the Democratic Party. Diaz Sr., unlike almost all other Democrats, has not drunk the Kool-Aid.

The *New York Times* reported further:

“The City Council is already exploring disciplinary

action against him: The Committee on Standards and Ethics, at the behest of several Council members who have complained, will open an investigation. If Mr. Díaz is found guilty of “disorderly conduct,” which could include violating “policies against discrimination and harassment,” Mr. Díaz could be reprimanded, censured, fined, or expelled from the City Council by a two-thirds vote of its members.

“The Council speaker, Corey Johnson, who is gay and H.I.V. positive, used his personal Twitter account to note that he shared the “anger and pain” of Mr. Díaz’s colleagues about “deeply offensive comments” about the gay community.

“We are currently reviewing all potential disciplinary scenarios,” Mr. Johnson said in a statement. “Nothing is off the table.”

“My personal viewpoint is that he should resign. It’s unacceptable. It’s Trumpian. . .”

Speaker Johnson’s hysteria is misplaced. Rather than be upset at Diaz for a comment, maybe he should take a look at himself and the truth of Diaz’ words. To be precise:

- The New York City Council has a “Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Caucus”, in which Mr. Johnson’s name prominently appears.
- Two of the last three New York City Council speakers were openly homosexual.
- The Council, through its powerful LGBT Caucus, has thus far passed almost 20 pro-homosexual measures.
- Did Johnson ever consider that Diaz’ point might be correct, rather than mindlessly attacking it?

This scenario is symptomatic of something far deeper that is happening in America, in which the homosexual community attempts to muzzle and bully its opponents into submission—or else. The sad truth is that Diaz Sr. and other Americans who hold to some notion of Biblical values are basically not permitted by the pro-gay lobby to express their opinion on these issues.

Case in point: New Jersey Democratic Senator Cory Booker recently questioned judicial nominee Neomi Rao, incessantly pushing her to disclose whether she felt that homosexual relationships are sinful. Booker was obviously trying to interject the homosexual agenda into the judiciary selection process, maintaining that it was not acceptable to harbor unfavorable beliefs about gay relationships.

I am proud that the Coalition for Jewish Values (CJV) condemned Booker for this. CJV President Rabbi Pesach Lerner remarked: “It is outrageous that Senator

Booker would use religion as a weapon with which to exclude an eminently well-qualified candidate from public service, and not only because factoring in a candidate’s personal religious views violates Article VI of the Constitution. The Bible expressly declares homosexual activity to be sinful, so the Senator would apparently disqualify Moses himself, the original judge, from holding that office—much less anyone in our day who adheres to the same Biblical values that our nation’s founding fathers held dear.”

In contemporary politically-correct society, when one is not embracing something in the liberal agenda, he is audaciously assigned a contrived mental disorder, in order to deflect and stifle his opinion. One who opposes the gay agenda is “homophobic”; one who is perceived as being against Islam suffers from the malady of “Islamophobia.”

It is high time for the homosexual lobby to stop the intimidation and bullying tactics and take a good look in the mirror. It just might be that “homophobia” could then become a legitimate term, reflective of decent people who have been menaced and victimized by the homosexual community solely on the basis of the former’s principled beliefs and innocuous expressions.

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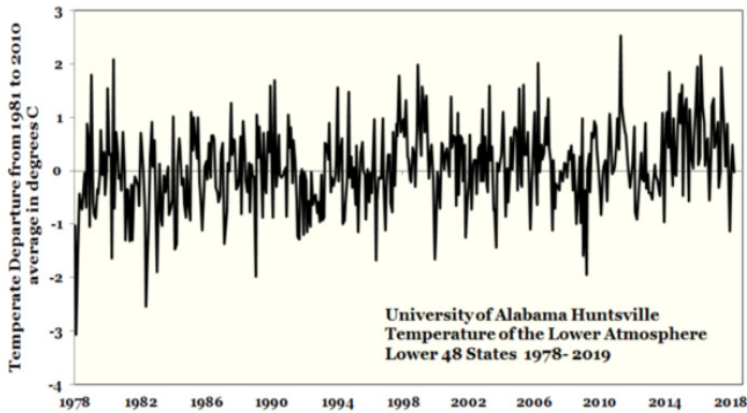
Global Warming Fraud

by David Archibald

The global warming hysteria was reaching a crescendo in the lead up to the climate confab in Copenhagen in 2009 when a civic-minded person released the Climatagate emails, deflating the whole thing. Those emails, concocted from the fevered imaginations of the scientists involved.

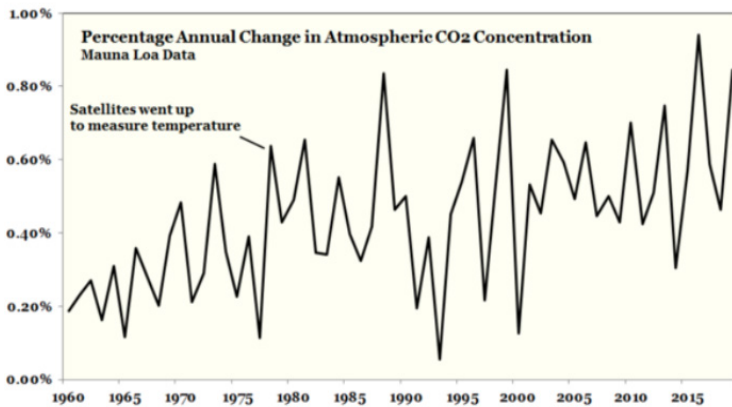
Nigh on 10 years have passed since then and we are currently experiencing another peak in the hysteria that seems to be coordinated worldwide. But why? Why now? The global warming scientists have plenty of time on their hands and plenty of money. Idle curiosity would have got some to have a stab at figuring out what is going to happen to climate. Do they see an imminent cooling and they have to get legislation in place before that is apparent?

The passage of those ten years has given us another lot of data points on the global warming. There are now 40 years of satellite measurements of atmospheric temperature and this is how that plots up for the Lower 48 States:



What the graph shows is the departure from the average for the 30 years from 1981 to 2010. The last data point is February 2019 with a result of -0.03 degrees C. So we have had 40 years of global warming and the temperature has remained flat. In fact it is slightly cooler than the long term average. Is it possible to believe in global warming when the atmosphere has cooled? No, not rationally. Is it possible for global warming to be real if the atmosphere has cooled? Again no.

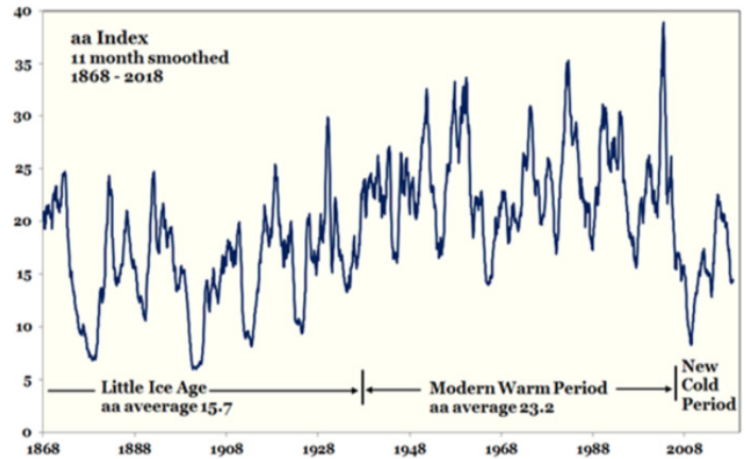
Now let's look at carbon dioxide, which is supposed to be driving the global warming, if it was happening. A lab high up on Mauna Loa in Hawaii has been measuring the atmospheric concentration since 1958. As it is the annual change in concentration that is supposed to be driving global warming let's see how that plots up:



What it shows is that the driving effect has been in a wide band from 1979 when the satellites to measure temperature went up but the trend is flat. Think about that—40 years of forcing and no result in the actual atmospheric temperature. If it was ever going to happen it would have happened by now.

The opposite of global warming is global cooling. What are the chances of that? Pretty good in fact. Only one graph is needed to show the potential for that—the

aa Index which is a measure of the Sun's magnetic field strength. Records of that have been kept since 1868:



The second half of the 20th century had a solar magnetic field strength that was 50% higher than that of the last 60 years of the Little Ice Age. That ended in 2006. We are now back to the solar activity levels of the 19th century and that will bring the sort of climate our forbears had then.

And so it has come to pass. January-February had record cold over North America. Seemingly the polar vortex was everywhere because Japan also had record cold.

Waiting for global warming to happen is like Waiting for Godot. It is never going to happen and the wait is getting beyond tedious.

In the meantime there is no evidence for global warming and the opposite is happening, as shown by the record cold we have just experienced. It is time to stop giving global warmers the benefit of doubt—they are loons. That includes Rick Perry.

—*AmericanThinker.com*, March 21, 2019

Our Planet

by Walter Williams

“Winter regularly takes many more lives than any heat wave: 25,000 to 50,000 each year die in Britain from excess cold. Across Europe, there are six times more cold-related deaths than heat-related deaths. —Dr. Bjorn Lomborg, Steve Goreham, *The Mad, Mad, Mad World of Climatism*, p. 135

“Geophysicists estimate that just three volcanic eruptions—Indonesia (1883), Alaska (1912) and Iceland (1947)—spewed more carbon dioxide and

sulfur dioxide into the atmosphere than all of mankind's activities during our entire history." —Walter Williams

"Over 90% of the CO2 emissions from all living things arise not from animals, but from anaerobic bacteria and fungi...Counting bacteria and fungi, the grand total for the CO2 produced by all living things [humans, animals, bacteria, fungi] is estimated to be 440 Gton/year, or thirteen times the CO2 currently being produced by fossil fuel emissions. Fossil fuel emissions represent only 8% of biological emissions." —Bruce C. Bunker, *The Mythology of Global Warming: Climate Change Fiction vs. Scientific Facts*, p. 59

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez claims that "the world is going to end in 12 years if we don't address climate change." The people at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change agree, saying that to avoid some of the most devastating impacts of climate change, the world must slash carbon emissions by 45 percent by 2030 and completely decarbonize by 2050.

Such dire warnings are not new. In 1970, Harvard University biology professor George Wald, a Nobel laureate, predicted, "Civilization will end within 15 or 30 years unless immediate action is taken against problems facing mankind." Also in 1970, Paul Ehrlich, a Stanford University biologist, predicted in an article for *The Progressive*, "The death rate will increase until at least 100-200 million people per year will be starving to death during the next ten years." The year before, he had warned, "If I were a gambler, I would take even money that England will not exist in the year 2000." Despite such harebrained predictions, Ehrlich has won no fewer than 16 awards, including the 1990 Crafoord Prize, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences' highest award.

Leftists constantly preach such nonsense as "The world that we live in is beautiful but fragile." "The 3rd rock from the sun is a fragile oasis." "Remember that Earth needs to be saved every single day." These and many other statements, along with apocalyptic predictions, are stock in trade for environmentalists. Worse yet, this fragile-earth indoctrination is fed to the nation's youth from kindergarten through college. That's why many millennials support Rep. Ocasio-Cortez.

Let's examine just a few cataclysmic events that exceed any destructive power of mankind and then ask how our purportedly fragile planet could survive. The 1883 eruption of the Krakatoa volcano, in present-day

Indonesia, had the force of 200 megatons of TNT. That's the equivalent of 13,300 15-kiloton atomic bombs, the kind that destroyed Hiroshima in World War II. Before that was the 1815 Tambora eruption, the largest known volcanic eruption. It spewed so much debris into the atmosphere that 1816 became known as the "Year Without a Summer." It led to crop failures and livestock death in the Northern Hemisphere, producing the worst famine of the 19th century. The A.D. 535 Krakatoa eruption had such force that it blotted out much of the light and heat of the sun for 18 months and is said to have led to the Dark Ages. Geophysicists estimate that just three volcanic eruptions—Indonesia (1883), Alaska (1912) and Iceland (1947)—spewed more carbon dioxide and sulfur dioxide into the atmosphere than all of mankind's activities during our entire history.

Our so-called fragile earth survived other catastrophic events, such as the floods in China in 1887, which took an estimated 1 million to 2 million lives, followed by floods there in 1931, which took an estimated 1 million to 4 million lives. What about the impact of earthquakes on our fragile earth? Chile's 1960 Valdivia earthquake was 9.5 on the Richter scale. It created a force equivalent to 1,000 atomic bombs going off at the same time. The deadly 1556 earthquake in China's Shaanxi province devastated an area of 520 miles.

Our so-called fragile earth faces outer space terror. Two billion years ago, an asteroid hit earth, creating the Vredefort crater in South Africa, which has a diameter of 190 miles. In Ontario, there's the Sudbury Basin, resulting from a meteor strike 1.8 billion years ago. At 39 miles long, 19 miles wide and 9 miles deep, it's the second-largest impact structure on earth. Virginia's Chesapeake Bay crater is a bit smaller, about 53 miles wide. Then there's the famous but puny Meteor Crater in Arizona, which is not even a mile wide.

My question is: Which of these powers of nature could be duplicated by mankind? For example, could mankind even come close to duplicating the polluting effects of the 1815 Tambora volcanic eruption? It is the height of arrogance to think that mankind can make significant parametric changes in the earth or can match nature's destructive forces. Our planet is not fragile.

Occasionally, environmentalists spill the beans and reveal their true agenda. Barry Commoner said, "Capitalism is the earth's number one enemy." Amherst College professor Leo Marx said, "On ecological grounds, the case for world government is beyond argument."

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